



Washington State
Liquor Control Board

Liquor Control Board Policy Number 1-07

Subject of policy: Guidelines for determining that an area is "adequately served" under RCW 66.24.420 (5)

Effective Date: August 15, 2007

Ending Date: To remain effective until the completion of rule making on chapter 314-09 WAC.

Approved:

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Purpose statement: The purpose of Liquor Control Board (LCB) Interim Policy 1-07 is to provide guidance to local governments and liquor license applicants regarding the type of information that will help the Board decide if the spirits, beer, and wine restaurant licenses granted for a particular locality are "adequate" for the reasonable needs of the community. RCW 66.24.420 (5) authorizes the Board to refuse a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license when in its opinion there are adequate licenses in a particular locality to serve the reasonable needs of the community. This policy identifies some of the indicators that will help the Board determine if the area is "adequately served". Local governments and applicants may provide information to the Board on any indicators they believe are relevant to issuance or non-issuance of a spirits, beer, and wine restaurant license.

Policy Statement: Until rule making on chapter 314-09 WAC* is completed the LCB will use evidence submitted by local governments, including but not limited to the following indicators, in determining whether or not a liquor license applicant will receive a license.

*(*WAC 314-09 outlines the process for persons, entities, and governmental jurisdictions to object to the issuance or renewal of a liquor license or permit)*

Risk and Benefit Indicators
Public safety indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement calls for service • Ratio (all police calls for service / alcohol-related service call(s)) • LCB AVN history for area • DUI history in area • Possible increase in level of (need for) law enforcement capacity (resources)
Location environment indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health indicators (alcoholism rates, homelessness, other) • Youth demographics in immediate area, ie. "x" percentage of population in immediate vicinity under 21 • Mix of other liquor licensed businesses in area (taverns, BW restaurants, SBW restaurants & other retail outlets) • Distance proximity to other liquor establishments • Impacts to residential livability (e.g. noise, litter) • City ordinances dealing with business licensing, noise, litter, city business taxes.
Business indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open after 11 pm • Facility size and occupancy load • Amount of adequate security and lighting • Business "churn" (turnover) in area • Operator risk indicators (e.g., delinquent tax payments, bankruptcy)
Community impact indicators <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to the long-term economic development goals of the community • Enhances and/or increases the public utilization of space • Tourist traffic • Net employment gain (especially of local residents)